

**CALLED MEETING OF THE CANTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**12:00 NOON, TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016**  
Canton City Hall  
290 E. Tyler, Canton, Texas 75103

**MINUTES**

The Canton City Council met at the above-named date and time in the City Municipal Courtroom. Members present were Mayor Lou Ann Everett and Councilmembers Cindy Malouf, Nathan Moore, Scott Perkins, Shawn Stewart and Connie Odic.

Also present were City Manager Lonny Cluck, Assistant City Manager Andy Wolfe, City Secretary Debra Johnson, and Finance Director Kimberly Kroha.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE QUORUM PRESENT – Mayor Everett called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present at 12:01 p.m.
2. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 – Mayor Everett opened the public hearing on the proposed tax rate at 12:02 p.m. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed at 12:02 p.m. Mayor Everett announced the second public hearing on the tax rate would be held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 30, 2016, in these chambers. The final vote on the budget would be taken at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.
3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SALE OF PRIVATELY-OWNED BUILDING ON CITY'S FIRST MONDAY GROUNDS AND NEW LEASE FOR SAME

*Councilmember Odic arrived at 12:05 p.m. Councilmember Malouf entered at 12:27 p.m.*

Councilmember Stewart made a motion to approve the sale of a privately-owned building and a new lease for same. Councilmember Perkins seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem - Shawn Stewart: Approve  
Council Member - Connie Odic: Approve  
Council Member - Cindy Malouf: Approve  
Council Member - Scott Perkins: Approve  
Council Member - Nathan Moore: Approve

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***In accordance with the authority contained in Sections 551.071 of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Govt. Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Council will convene in closed or executive session to discuss the following matters.***

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING EXISTING OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION (Section 551.071) – Council convened into Executive Session at 12:46 p.m.

## **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

5. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council reconvened into Open Session at 1:26 p.m. with no action taken.
6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDED PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT REGARDING BLOCK 46, LOTS 1 AND 2, AND BLOCK 25, LOTS 2-02 AND 2-03 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF CANTON
7. CITY MANAGEMENT REPORTS
  - A. OTHER ITEMS – Mr. Cluck reported another coat would be painted on the historic water tower. He also said the Church's Chicken code enforcement matter had gone to court last week. The future owners attended and said they would cut out the concrete around the existing building and build a new Golden Chick. They planned to bring the City viable plans within five weeks. Mr. Cluck said they were trying to get the cabinets done and the painting completed at the new city hall. He said they were putting insulation in the roof at Trade Center IV. Andy Wolfe said they would pick out the floor covering on the new police station tomorrow. They had started framing on the jail cells. The painting was done.

## **BUDGET WORK SESSION**

8. WORK SESSION ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017
  - A. Property tax rate – Ms. Kroha said the second hearing on the proposed tax rate and the hearing on the budget would be August 30. If we kept the same tax rate, there was no change to the taxpayer's property tax if the value was the same. The bulk of the money for the additional revenue of adopting the proposed tax rate went to M&O for operations.
  - B. Projects / Tradeoffs – Mr. Cluck said if they followed the Comprehensive Plan for the streets, Sides Circle would cost approximately \$2.4 million and Goshen would be \$1.5 million. If they did not follow the Comprehensive Plan, Sides Circle would cost \$1.9 million and Goshen would cost \$1.1 million. Amy Street was included in the cost of the Sides Circle project. There was a discussion on how wide the street would be and the best place to relocate the utilities. Councilmember Odic expressed the need to take care of the parks equipment and tennis courts. She said the tennis courts kept getting put on the back burner. The tennis courts were an eyesore and rough to play on. Improving the tennis courts would bring people to town. They required no maintenance. Councilmember Odic felt there should be a Parks and Recreation fund created. Councilmember Moore said there was already a Parks fund in existence. Councilmember Odic said the tennis courts were always pitted against a new tractor or cemetery fencing. She had located a company that could redo the courts for \$40,000 each. She proposed the two new vehicles for \$90,000 could be pulled from the budget and used toward repair of the courts. Mr. Cluck explained they put four vehicles in the budget. They had applied for a grant to pay for two vehicles. Councilmember Odic thought providing the police department with a new building was enough and they should hold off on purchasing the new vehicles. She also felt the new fire truck could be put off another year since they just bought a new engine last year. Councilmember Odic said she was open to finding alternatives for cutting back in the budget. Councilmember Moore said he hated to spend a lot of money on tennis courts when we had the future opportunity of a sports complex. Mr. Cluck said the high

school had offered use of their courts if the City would providing timers for the lights. Councilmember Stewart said he was not in favor of cutting out police and fire vehicles.

- C. Other
  - D. Changes / questions
9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - Councilmember Odic asked to have the tennis courts on the next agenda.
  10. ADJOURN – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.